

# ONE-ON-ONE INTERACTIONS POLICY

2022 MINOR ATHLETE  
ABUSE PREVENTION  
POLICIES



## POLICY APPLICATION

The One-on-One Interactions Policy must be followed for all In-Program Contact.

## POLICY REQUIREMENTS

- 1** | **ALL** One-on-One interactions between an Adult Participant and a Minor Athlete must be:
  - Observable
  - Interruptible

## POLICY EXCEPTIONS

If one of the following exceptions exists with appropriate consent, the One-on-One Interactions Policy does not need to be followed:

- 1** | Emergency
- 2** | Dual Relationship – The Adult Participant has an existing relationship with Minor Athlete outside of the sport program.
- 3** | Close-in-Age – The Adult Participant has no Authority over the Minor Athlete and is not more than 4 years older than the Minor Athlete.
- 4** | Personal Care Assistant – The Adult Participant is a Personal Care Assistant and has met all the requirements.

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Under the Protecting Young Victims from Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 the Center is charged with creating "reasonable procedures to limit one-on-one interaction between an amateur athlete who is a minor and an adult (who is not the minor's legal guardian) at a facility under the jurisdiction of a national governing body or paralympic sports organization without being in an observable and interruptible distance from another adult, except under emergency circumstances." The Center strongly recommends that a second adult be present to make contact between a minor and an adult observable and interruptible but also acknowledges that this may not be reasonable in all situations.

## COMMON QUESTIONS

As an Adult Participant, if I attend a church function where Minor Athletes from my Organization are present, is the interaction with those Minor Athletes considered In-Program Contact where the One-on-One Interactions Policy must be followed?

**A:** No. A function that is organized by a church is not related to participation in sport and would not be considered In-Program Contact (Remember that In-Program Contact must include all three components from the Three-Part Test: an Adult Participant, a Minor Athlete, and related to participation in sport). However, as an Adult Participant, it is always in the best interest of yourself and Minor Athletes in your Organization to avoid all one-on-one interactions with unrelated Minor Athletes.

What is an Emergency situation?

**A:** An Emergency is a serious, unexpected, and possibly dangerous situation that requires quick action and cannot be avoided. Emergency situations include, but are not limited to, a medical emergency of a Minor Athlete, relative of Minor Athlete, or relative of Adult Participant; a severe weather event; or last-minute practice changes due to facility power issues. (For more information on Emergency Exceptions, please refer to the MAAPP Manual).

Would an 18-year-old assistant coach for a team with Minor Athletes ages 15-16 years old meet the Close-in-Age exception?

**A:** No. Remember that for the Close-in-Age exception to apply, the Adult Participant must have no Authority over Minor Athletes. An assistant coach is in a position of Authority.

Would In-Program one-on-one interactions between a coach who is also the uncle of a Minor Athlete on his team be required to be observable and interruptible?

**A:** It depends. If the coach obtained a Dual Relationship consent form from the Minor Athlete's parent/guardian, then In-Program one-on-one interactions do NOT need to be observable and interruptible. If the coach did not obtain a Dual Relationship consent form, then all In-Program one-on-one interactions with the Minor Athlete would need to be observable and interruptible.